

## Whom Man Despises, God Glorifies

Isa 49:5-7 "And now the Lord says, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and My God shall be My strength). Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'" Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, to Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation abhors, to the Servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel; and He has chosen You."

Thus far our Lord, the Christ has been speaking, calling to all the nations of the earth, from the coastlands to the people that are from afar. The prophetic Word here is making it clear that at the coming of the Messiah the message will no longer be limited to the Jews alone but will be sent out into all the world. Even as our Lord commanded His disciples, "*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*" (Mark 16:15) The One whom the nation abhorred, the One who was despised and rejected shall rule throughout the nations. The One who cried out in the beginning of Psalm 22, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken me", toward the end of that same Psalm proclaims, "*All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations*". (Ps 22:27-28) We may appear to be a very small body of people here this morning, but we are part of that congregation that even this Lord's Day are lifting up praise to our Lord and Savior. As the Lord promises in the second Psalm, that even as men plot and take revenge against the Lord and His Anointed One, our God proclaims, "*He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: 'Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.'*" (Ps 2:4-6) The Father then makes this promise to His Son, "*Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.*" Ps 2:8 The Father will glorify the Son. He will be glorified beyond the borders of the land of Israel. Indeed, men of all nations, and even kings will worship the One whom the nation despised.

### A. The Father will glorify the Son

1. It is God the Father Himself who is speaking here - *And now the Lord says*
2. We understand that it is God who speaks to us in Holy Scripture
  - a. Peter tells us "*prophecy never came **by the will of man**, but holy men of God spoke as they were **moved by the Holy Spirit***". 2 Peter 1:21
  - b. Paul tells us that **all Scripture is given by inspiration**, that is, literally God breathed or God spoken.
  - c. But here we are to understand that Isaiah is writing down the communication of the very words of the Father and the very words of the Christ
3. The Christ here is revealing to the church what the Father has done in His behalf – *The Lord says, who formed me from the womb*
  - a. Being formed in the womb is not just speaking merely of His humanity, that is, His conception in the womb of the Virgin, but it speaks of His office
  - b. Even as announced to Joseph that the purpose of His birth was to save His people from their sins

*Matt 1:20-21 "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, **for He will save His people from their sins.**"*

- c. This was decreed from all eternity this is why it is proper to call Jesus the "eternally begotten Son of God"

*Eph 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He **chose us in Him before the foundation of the world.***

- d. David speaking long before Our Lord's natural birth writes - "***I will declare the decree:** the Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.'*" Ps 2:7-8
  - e. When Mary conceived in her womb by the Holy Spirit, it was simply the fulfilling of God's eternal decree.
4. This is God's means of providing the Redeemer of Jacob, the Redeemer of Israel

5. Our Lord is the "Consolation of Israel" of whom Simon spoke in the temple when the sacrifice for Mary's purification was offered to the Lord.

Luke 2:29-32 *"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, **according to Your word**; for **my eyes have seen Your salvation** which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."*

6. Jesus is truly glorious in the eyes of the Father - For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord
  - a. Even though Israel shall reject Him He shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord
  - b. The Father declared from heaven above, "This is my Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased." (cf. Matt 3:17)
  - c. The Father will give Him the nations as His inheritance
7. God is His strength and His victory, hear the proclamation of Peter on the Day of Pentecost.
  - a. Hear the word of our Lord where Peter quotes David from Ps. 16:8-11 - 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in the grace, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.' Acts 2:25-28
    - (1) The Christ saw His Father always before His face – was always aware of His presence, even when He was forsaken and permitted to suffer the agonies of the cross
    - (2) Even then He knew His flesh would rest in Hope
    - (3) Our Savior at all times trusted in His Father - *My God shall be My strength*
  - b. Peter went on to announce. *"This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God.'* Acts 2:32-33
  - c. Pointing out that David was not speaking of himself saying: "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord, 'sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" Acts 2:34-35. God indeed is His strength and victory
8. God is His strength and victory as proclaimed by the Apostle Paul

He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. Eph 1:20-21

- a. He has been raised from the dead
  - b. Seated at the right hand in the heavens
  - c. He reigns **far above** all principalities and powers and dominions both in this world and in the age to come
9. We read of that glorious scene in Revelation 5:11 when 10,000 times 10,000's and thousands of thousands standing before the throne of God shall proclaim

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Conclusion: There is coming a day when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord

*Rom 14:10-11 For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God."* (cf. Isa 45:22-25)

All the rulers, of all ages, all the kings and judges that have rule in this world will one day stand before Him and bow their knee before Him

Our judges may, in this day, rule against the 10 commandments being posted in our courts or in our schools, and they may ban the use of the name of Christ in public. O, that they would hear the Word of the Lord, "Kiss the Son lest He be angry with you when His wrath kindled but a little."

For there is coming a Day when all men will stand before the Lamb. That day is called the great day of the wrath of the Lamb when all men will stand before our Lord sitting upon the throne of judgment.

Rev 6:17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Who shall be able to stand? Only those who are trusting in the forgiveness of our God alone, provided by the shed blood of our Savior alone and trusting in the imputed righteousness of Christ alone, for they alone shall be **able to stand** on that great day.

For they shall be presented faultless before the throne of His glory, by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone to the glory of God alone.